OFFICIAL DECEMBER HARVEST FORECAST, 1930-31.

Wheat 35,400,000 (23,345,093) Bushels. Average 8.59 (6.40) Bushels.			
	Estimated 1930-31	Actual 1929-30	Mean 5 seasons to 1929-30
AREAS CROPPED.			
All Purposes. Wheat Barley Oats Total	Acres 4,500,000 275,000 525,000 5,300,000	Acres 3,987,310 320,123 520,430 4,827,863	Acres 3,368,488 264,726 461,794 4,095,008
For Grain. Wheat Barley Oats	4,120,000 260,000 250,000	3,645,764 305,316 277,923	3,053,348 253,604 198,491
For Hay. Wheat Oats Total W & O.	350,000 250,000 500,000	318,239 212,956 531,195	276,337 231,229 507,566
PRODUCTION - TOTAL YIELDS AND AVERAGES ().			
Divisions.	Bushel s	Bushels	Bushels
Central	7,200,000 (12.74)	5,682,084	6,511,733
Lower North Upper North	9,400,000 (11.33) 1,600,000	7,675,942 (9.69) 1,031,801	9,916,526 (13.06) 1,732,967
South Eastern	(5.16) 1,350,000 (20.77)	(3.96) 1,119,465 (23,37)	758,233 758,233 (19,86)
Western Murray Mallee	5,900,000 (4.80) 9,950,000 (8.88)	4,855,477 (4.58) 2,980,324 (3.02)	4,568,056 (5.99) 4,192,287 (5.61)
Total	35,400,000 (8,59)	23,345,093 (6.40)	27,679,802 (9,06)
BARCEY Total	4,1 00,000 (15,77)	(6,40) 4,656,254 (15,25)	4,201,251 (17,27)
OATS Total	2,200,000 (8,80)	1,564,287	1,641 012 (8,27)
Wheaten Osten Total W. & O.	tons 360,000 260,000 620,000 (2.03)	tons 273,965 154,179 428,144 (0.81)	509,461 198,201 507,662 (1.00)

Method of Estimating.

Acreage Sown - Particulars are obtained from every farmer as to the area he had sown.

Yield - The wheat areas are divided into approximately 500 Districts and general reports are obtained from Police Officers in each of these Districts together with a large number of definite advices from individual farmers in each District. These latter represented over 20% of the total area under crop.

Tabulation of Reports - Details are written up for each of the Districts and an estimate obtained. These in turn are grouped into Counties and the Counties into Divisions, the State Total being the aggregate

of the Divisions.

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